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In re Application of:

BAHAR et al.

Serial No. 09/209,932

Filed: July 8, 1998

For: AN ULTRA-THIN INTEGRAL COMPOSITE MEMBRANE



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REQUEST TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The applicants hereby request that the P.T.O. withdraw the Notice of Abandonment mailed September 1, 2000 (copy enclosed).

An Amendment, four terminal disclaimers, and a Petition for Extension of Time (three months) were filed July 21, 2000 in a timely manner (enclosed).

The applicants also enclose (i) page 171 from the firm log book for P.T.O. filings which shows filing of these documents on July 21, 2000, and (ii) the date stamped post card.

Therefore, the Notice of Abandonment was issued in error. The P.T.O. did not contact the undersigned, or the applicants, before issuing the Notice, and therefore, no opportunity was provided to have this error corrected before abandonment occurred.

The applicants appreciate the cooperation of Examiner Copenheaver in a telephone

discussion, September 14, 2000. The Examiner suggested the applicants fax this request to 703-872-9469. A prompt response to this request, and timely consideration of the enclosed Amendment, is respectfully requested. A telephone call to the undersigned is respectfully requested when prosecution has resumed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, if necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500. Because the applicants believe that this error was a P.T.O. error, however, the applicants respectfully request that they not be charged any fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

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This application is abandoned in view of:

Applicant's failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter mailed on _____.

A response (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____, which is after the expiration of the period for response (including a total extension of _____ time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.

A proposed response was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper response to the final rejection.

(A proper response to a final rejection consists only of: a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; a Notice of Appeal; or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.62 (FWC).)

No response has been received.

Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance.

The issue fee (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____.

The submitted issue fee of \$ _____ is insufficient. The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ _____.

The issue fee has not been received.

Applicant's failure to timely file new formal drawings as required in the Notice of Allowability.

Proposed new formal drawings (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) were received on _____.

The proposed new formal drawings filed _____ are not acceptable.

No proposed new formal drawings have been received.

The express abandonment under 37 CFR 1.62(g) in favor of the FWC application filed on _____.

The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee, or the entire interest, or all of the applicants.

The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.

The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.

The reason(s) below:

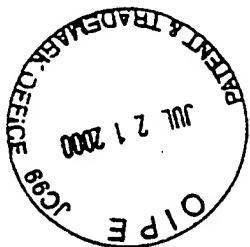
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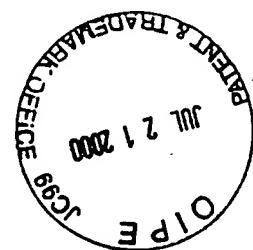
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